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TAGS: ETRD, UNCTAD

SUBJECT: UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES: DRAFT  
RESOLUTION ON MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED (MSA) COUNTRIES  
REF: GENEVA 3380

1. BEST OUTCOME FROM OUR VIEW WOULD BE TO HAVE ASIAN  
GROUP DRAFT RESOLUTION SIDETRACKED. U.S. REP SHOULD IN  
FIRST INSTANCE ATTEMPT TO DISSUADE G-77 FROM INTRODUCING  
IT. ALTHOUGH RESOLUTION WOULD NOT APPEAR TO AFFECT U.S.  
DIRECTLY SINCE OUR GSP HAS NOT YET BEEN ENACTED, WE  
NONETHELESS FIND RESOLUTION OBJECTIONABLE FOR FOLLOWING  
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REASONS:

A. PREAMBLE OF RESOLUTION CITES UNGA PROGRAM OF ACTION AS ONE OF BASES FOR RESOLUTION. QUITE APART FROM U.S. OPPOSITION TO THE PROGRAM OF ACTION AS EXPRESSED BY AMBASSADOR SCALI, WE CONSIDER THIS INAPPROPRIATE SINCE INTER ALIA SPECIAL PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE CHANGES IN GSP AMONG MEASURES WHICH MAY BE TAKEN ON BEHALF OF MSA'S.

B. EQUALLY UNACCEPTABLE IS ATTEMPT IN PREAMBLE AND IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ONE OF DRAFT RES TO INCLUDE LEAST DEVELOPED AND LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES WITHIN DEFINITION OF MSA'S; NO SUCH DEFINITION HAS BEEN AGREED ON NEITHER IN APRIL SPECIAL UNGA NOR IN ANY OTHER FORUM SINCE THAT

TIME.

C. MOREOVER, EFFECTIVENESS OF GSP AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE IN ASSISTING MSA'S HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE, GIVEN THE STRONG INDICATIONS WE ALREADY HAVE OF THE INABILITY OF ECONOMICALLY WEAK COUNTRIES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SUCH MEASURES RAPIDLY. (TRADE ADJUSTMENTS OCCASIONED BY CHANGES IN RELATIVE PRICES RESULTING FROM PREFERENTIAL MARGINS BY AND LARGE DO NOT OCCUR IMMEDIATELY BUT TAKE PLACE OVER TIME AS THE DYNAMIC EFFECTS WORK THEIR WAY THROUGH THE SYSTEM. THEREFORE WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT GSP MEASURES AS FALLING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF EMERGENCY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN ON BEHALF OF MSA'S.)

2. AS INDICATED PREVIOUSLY, REFERENCE TO PROGRAM OF ACTION PER SE CREATES PROBLEMS FOR US IN VIEW OF PROGRAM'S MANY OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES. IF DRAFT MSA RESOLUTION APPEARS HEADED FOR VOTE, U.S. REP NEED NOT ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN LANGUAGE CHANGES BUT SHOULD ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION AND MAKE STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD (UNLESS IN HIS JUDGMENT IT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE) EXPLAINING US POSITION RE PROGRAM OF ACTION AS WAS STATED AT TIME OF PROGRAM'S ADOPTION AT UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION. BROWN

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